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FOR MATLOCK FROM GARRISON

E.O. 11652:GDS

TAGS:OGEN

SUBJECT:OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. RE REPLACEMENT OF NURSE, MRG. BEEGHLEY IS PLANNING TO ARRIVE IN MOSCOW IN SEPTEMBER AND LOOKS FORWARD TO TALK-ING TO DR. JOHNSON AT THAT TIME.
 2. FOR MARSHALL BREMENT: WE SPOKE TO MR. CONE, ACTING HEADMASTER AT CUSHING. MR. CURRY ANSWERED YOUR TELEGRAM BY LETTER ON JULY 13. MR. CONE SAID DR. CURRY JUST CANNOT ACCEPT MARK. HIS LETTER INDICATES HE WILL BE GLAD TO ASSIST YOU IN GETTING MARK PLACED. DR. CURRY WILL BE OUT UNTIL MID NEXT WEEK BUT MR. CONE WILL BE HAPPY TO HELP YOU IN HIS PLACE.
 3. RE LITGAZ CHARGES, WE NOW UNDERSTAND FROM AL AND HIS EMPLOYERS THAT HE PLANS TO INFORM THE JUDGE THAT HE IS UNABLE TO APPEAR FOR THE TIME BEING. HE HOPES THAT THE CASE WILL FADE FROM MEMORY EVENTUALLY AND THAT NO FURTHER ARTICLES IN THE SOVIET PRESS WILL APPEAR TO STIR IT UP
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AGAIN. IF HE IS ASKED HERE ABOUT IT, HE PLANS TO SAY THAT

HE DID NOT HAVE TIME TO CARRY IT TO THE END AS HE WOULD HAVE LIKED, BUT THAT HE HAS NOT FORMALLY DROPPED IT. HE WILL NOT RPT NOT ISSUE A STATEMENT OR OTHERWISE STIMULATE STORIES

ATTACKING LITGAZ. ON RELATED MATTER, AL'S REPLACEMENT HAS APPLIED FOR VISA AND WE WILL HOLD UP LITGAZ APPROVAL, WITHOUT FORMALLY LINKING TWO APPLICATIONS, UNTIL HE R-C-IVES IT.

4. MOSCOW'S 11126 ON ECPC WAS AN IMPRESSIVE PIECE OF KREMLINOLOGY WHICH WILL CERTAINLY BE WIDELY READ. IT WAS MOST TIMELY, SINCE GUIDANCE CABLE I MENTIONED EARLIER IS STILL UNDER CONSIDERATION. SMALL QUESTION: IS UNANIMITY A NORMAL FEATURE OF POLITBURO, AS OPPOSED TO CC STATEMENTS?

5. FOR THE AMBASSADOR: PNE INSTRUMENTS PROBABLY WON'T GO TO SENATE FOR A COUPLE OF WEEKS--NSC PREDICTION IS ONLY THAT THEY WILL GO FORWARD IN SESSION BETWEEN DEMOCRATIC AND REPUBLIC CONVENTIONS BUT BEST ESTIMATE AVAILABLE IS THAT SENATE WILL NOT TAKE UP TREATY UNTIL SESSION BEGINNING IN SEPTEMBER. WILL BE IN TOUCH FURTHER.

6. AFTER I DID ABOVE ON 11126, DIANA CALLED TO PRAISE THE PIECE. SHE FEELS YOU ARE ON THE RIGHT TRACE, AND ADDS THAT THERE COULD BE FURTHER FALLOUT WHEN LOCAL AND REGIONAL HIERARCHS MAKE THEIR VIEWS KNOWN. SHE ALSO OFFERED AS A HIGHLY SPECULATIVE EXPLANATION FOR THE SWITCHED SIGNALS THAT PERHAPS THE JULY 2 EDITORIAL RELIED ON GUIDELINES SET IN ADVANCE, BUT WHEN LEONID ILICH GOT BACK HE WAS A BIT PUT OUT FROM HAVING TO LISTEN TO A LOT OF UNPLEASANTNESS, THEREFORE HE WAS INVOLVED IN REVISING THE LINE. SHE DOESN'T NECESSARILY THINK THIS IS RIGHT ONLY A POSSIBILITY.

7. IO IS DOING A CABLE CONTAINING A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF USEFUL DETAIL ON THE UNDP'S NON-CONVERTIBLE RUBLES. IF YOU HAVEN'T YET MADE THE APPROACH REQUESTED IN STATE 169133, I SUGGEST THAT YOU WAIT UNTIL YOU GET THIS CABLE. KISSINGER

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